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Dear Friends:

THIS year we will meet in Indianapolis for our national convention, which will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 19, 20, and 21. I hope you will be especially interested in this convention. It will be our third meeting dedicated to the *Citizen Child* in an attempt to discover what we, the members of parent-teacher associations, can do to help guarantee for him a *Free World* wherein he can dwell and work for the perpetuation of the ideals and standards that will lead to enduring peace.

- Yes, I know that many of you will be unable to come to Indianapolis, but those of you who live within a "reasonable" distance would do well to consider the possibility of coming or of delegating the newly elected president of your local unit to attend this great assembly.

- The annual convention is the final authority on matters of policy, Bylaws, legislation, and the annual platform. If your unit is to have a voice in the important decisions relating to these vital matters, it must be represented by an official delegate. If a representative from your unit or your council can attend the convention, please notify your state office promptly so that credentials can be issued to as many local unit delegates as possible.

- The program will be built upon the *Future* of the citizen child, and there will be plenty of opportunity for the delegates to express their opinions and to discuss what lies ahead for children as well as our own responsibility.

- On Monday and Wednesday the entire afternoon will be devoted to "workshop" type meetings on such subjects as narcotics, safety, teaching future citizens, new knowledge

for parents, study groups, councils, high school units, and other topics of interest to every leader. Yes, we will have specialists in many fields and speakers of national reputation, but we want very much to hear the ideas of our own members in these discussion periods. We promise that there will be time for the consideration of your own special problems.

- A carnival of books, an opportunity to meet the authors, the presentation of some new plays, and a film festival have also been planned.

- This year there will be time for conferences with national chairmen so that every state chairman who attends the convention will be able to talk over the program and problems of his state with a national leader.

- We will close the convention with a banquet and the installation of our new national officers—the new president, first vice-president, secretary, and treasurer—who will take over their duties in an atmosphere of sincere fellowship and good will. I hope you can be there.

AS I write this message a special committee has just finished making preliminary plans for the celebration of American Education Week next November 9 to 14. You will be glad to know that the theme this year is one for which we will wish to give our best effort—*Children in Today's World*. Day by day through this week we will build our programs on "Children in Today's World: Their Churches, Their Homes, Their Heritage, Their Schools, Their Country, Their Opportunity, and Their Future."

- Each of these titles indicates an area of interest that is already a part of our parent-teacher program, but there are far too many citizens who still fail to share the responsibility of obtaining for our children the educational, social, and cultural experiences that each title represents. Some years ago it was found that ten million citizens visited school during American Education Week. I hope we can double that number in 1952. An informed public is a cooperating public.

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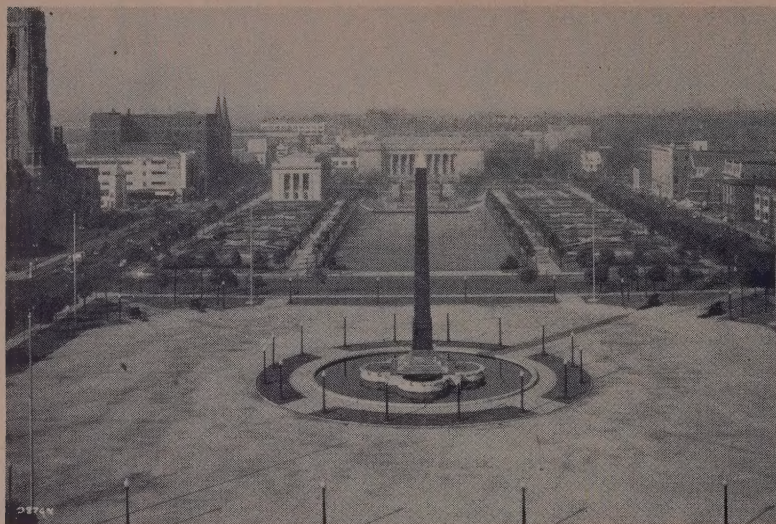
- Now may I ask a favor? If you have not read the report of the narcotics conference in the January issue of the *National Parent-Teacher* please do so very soon. A further report appears in the March issue. Perhaps you can suggest ways in which your own P.T.A. can make a contribution to the program—a contribution of service in the interest of protecting the boys and girls in your state from this dire menace.

Faithfully yours,

Mrs. John E. Hayes, President
National Congress of Parents and Teachers



The Scottish Rite Cathedral, where the convention banquet will be held on Wednesday evening, May 21.



The Indiana War Memorial Plaza, one of the convention city's most impressive sights.

Our Convention City

Indianapolis

Delegates to the national convention will find much of interest in Indiana's capital, Indianapolis. With a population of more than 425,000, it is the largest city in the world not situated on navigable waters, and it is only a few miles from the center of population of the United States.

In the heart of the business district is the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, which is second only to the Washington Monument in height and one of the finest and most elaborate pieces of monumental architecture in the world.

Indiana's World War Memorial occupies five city blocks, was built at a cost of \$15,000,000, and includes the beautiful limestone building which is the national headquarters of the American Legion. The Central Shrine is a massive building of Indiana limestone in which Memorial Hall, an impressively handsome auditorium, is located. Another feature of the Memorial Plaza is a black granite obelisk, one hundred feet high, with an illuminated fountain at its base.

The James Whitcomb Riley Public Library is said to be the most nearly perfect example of pure Greek architecture in the United States. The Scottish Rite Cathedral, considered by many the most beautiful building

in Indianapolis, has all the majesty and distinction of Old World Gothic architecture and has in its illuminated tower a fine carillon, one of the largest in the world, a gift to the city of a public-spirited citizen.

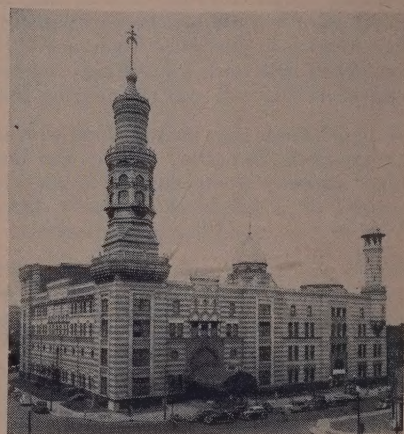
Indianapolis' and Indiana's living memorial to James Whitcomb Riley is the Riley Hospital for Children, which has taken a mighty hold on the imagination of the Hoosier Commonwealth and has been showered with benefactions. It is a part of the impressive Indiana University Medical Center.

The poet's last home, in Lockerbie Street, is maintained as a shrine and is open to the public. His boyhood home in Greenfield, nineteen miles east of Indianapolis, has been restored and refurbished in the period of his occupancy and is also now open to the public.

A recently completed restoration of great historic interest is that of the home of Benjamin Harrison, a president of the United States. Located at 1230 North Delaware Street, it has been restored and opened to the public, interestingly enough, through the efforts of Indianapolis' outstanding music school, the Arthur Jordan Conservatory, the main branch being next door to the Harrison home.



In this gracious brick home lived America's beloved Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley.



The meetings of the fifty-sixth session of the national convention will be held at the Murat Temple.

Convention Program

Advance information about the speakers, workshops, panel discussions, and other special features of the national convention, May 19-21, will be published in the April issue of the *Bulletin*.

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Look to the . . .

Parent-Teacher Association!

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IF school administrators want good allies for their program of education they should look to the parent-teacher association. If they want help, encouragement, or stimulation they can get it from the P.T.A. Here is a source of power—a power based on real interest in schools and in child welfare.

Long organized, experienced, and public spirited, this volunteer organization is intelligently informed as to the problems and procedures of teaching and school administration. It has long been concerned with good methods of teaching and adequate schools. It has always had a tremendous interest in the nature of child growth. Because it has an acute understanding of the problems of children and of the problems of the school, it will not sacrifice the welfare of boys and girls to obtain a low tax rate. It is time for all educators to learn that, with the right encouragement and stimulation, the parent-teacher association can be a tremendous ally. There never was a time when that help was needed more!

The problem of involving school patrons in the affairs of the school in this fast-changing world is imperative. We need community groups to help interpret the school to the community—and, what is more important, we need them to interpret the community to the school! The parent-teacher association, inspired by worth-while objectives, is interested in children and in adequate curriculums. It wants well-trained teachers. It is close to the problems of teachers and appreciates the need for higher salaries and better school facilities.

All this presents a good case for the parent-teacher association. As one long interested in the achievements of this organization, I know that the P.T.A. is still not fully achieving its great potentialities. I know also that there are communities and schools that are either afraid of the parent-teacher association or unwilling to recognize its possibilities. It is this attitude on the part of much school leadership that has kept the work of the parent-teacher associ-

ation often unimportant and ineffective.

In spite of real or imagined weaknesses in the parent-teacher association it is time for all board of education members, school administrators, and teachers to recognize the potentialities of the P.T.A. and its program. It is time for them to join hands with parents and other citizens in an attempt to achieve the true purposes and functions of this great organization.

There is today a great need for adult education, especially parent education. In a complex society that seems confused and uncertain, educators need to state and understand more clearly the goals of all levels of education. Without the help of the community and its citizens and organized parent-teacher groups the schools face an overpowering task. With the help of such groups the problems can greatly be simplified.

If the schools will examine impartially the purposes of the parent-teacher association—its program and possibilities—they will realize that the parent-teacher association represents the most fruitful contribution that any community group can make to the welfare of the child. It is a channel through which specialized information may reach mothers and fathers and other citizens who deal with children. It is organized; it is eager; it has an emotional appeal to parents.

We must not underestimate the power of this great social group. The schools need the support of interested citizens. They cannot do their work without money, and taxpayers must vote money. They cannot gain general acceptance for innovations and new methods without the support and understanding of parents and others. It is time to have faith in its potentialities and to recognize and respect its achievements.

School support depends upon understanding. The parent-teacher association is the best medium yet devised to understand the work of the school and to transmit that understanding to others. If we want better schools faster, let us look to the parent-teacher association.

In Memoriam

Members of the National Congress were deeply saddened by the passing on February 3 of a beloved former national president who gave unstintingly of her time and her talents to the welfare of children—Frances S. Pettengill.

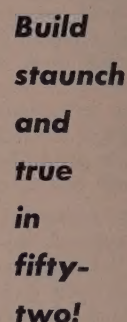
Mrs. Pettengill first became interested in parent-teacher work after she moved from her girlhood home in Worcester, Massachusetts, to Lansing, Michigan, the city whose P.T.A. council was later to honor her by the establishment of the Frances S. Pettengill Loan Fund. This fund pays the tuition of a college student each year.

In 1922 she became state chairman of legislation, and in 1927 she was elected president of the Michigan Congress. Later she served the National Congress as secretary and became first vice-president in 1934.

All these broad and varied experiences served Mrs. Pettengill well when she became president of the National Congress in 1937, an office she held until 1940. Endowed with an unusual gift of expression—on the platform as well as with her pen—she won the lasting admiration of parents and educators the country over.

Widely recognized too was her ability as a teacher, for Mrs. Pettengill was asked to conduct courses in parent education at Wayne University in Detroit and the University of Hawaii, and she did so for several years.

Perhaps it is her own words, written in tribute to the parent-teacher pioneers, that most fittingly characterize the enduring quality of her work for children: "The courage and devotion expressed through each act of service still remain, warm and animating, at the heart of the parent-teacher movement."



● The largest honor gift received to date is \$2,780.25, and it is still growing. This is a fine tribute to our national president, Mrs. John E. Hayes, for this sum represents the headquarters portion of the proceeds from the sale of *Stepping Stones*, the booklet of poems she so graciously gave to the headquarters fund.

The booklets are forty cents each, and for every copy sold twenty-five cents is credited toward *your* state's total contribution to the national headquarters fund, thereby helping to increase the average-per-member donation of your congress.

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Our Headquarters Home Will Be What YOU Make It!

● We have passed the halfway mark toward our headquarters goal. Although the audited grand total for February 15, 1952, was not available when the *Bulletin* went to press, the records at press time showed a total of nearly \$377,000.

We should congratulate ourselves heartily, for this is no mean achievement. Except for a budget appropriation of \$35,000, the fund has been raised bit by bit, as the result of tireless effort on the part of thousands of P.T.A. members throughout the country. The largest individual contribution has been one thousand dollars. By far the largest amount has been contributed in quarters and dollars and for special gifts of ten dollars that pay tribute to thousands of persons interested in child welfare.

Let's give ourselves a good rousing cheer, draw a deep breath, and set out on the second lap of the race!

Wondering How To Raise That Quota? Take a Tip From Minnesota!

● The Minnesota chairmen for national headquarters sent a double post card to every local unit that had made a contribution to the headquarters fund, asking how the donation had been raised. From the responses a list of thirty-five suggestions was drawn up, mimeographed, and distributed at the state convention. Here are a few of the wide variety of fund-raising activities reported:

1. A "Fun Night."
2. Paper collection.
3. Refreshments served after basketball games and other school events.
4. Lunches served at public auctions.
5. Pancake supper.
6. Square dancing or folk dancing. During the grand march each person drops in a coin as he passes a conveniently placed receptacle for headquarters contributions.
7. Sale of popcorn balls and caramel apples.
8. Parade of wedding gowns.
9. Cakeless cake sale. Instead of having cake for a luncheon, omit it and ask members to donate the price of a piece of cake.
10. Personal solicitation at the time of the membership enrollment.



The Gold-Bricks-for-Headquarters bazaar held at the Illinois Congress' radio and television school of instruction netted more than \$250 for the headquarters building fund. Items for the sale were sent in by members throughout the state, and the gold-wrapped packages sold for a dollar apiece. The smiling salespeople pictured here (left to right) are Mrs. J. W. Heylmun, co-chairman of the national headquarters committee; Bruce E. Mahan, a member of the national headquarters committee; and Mrs. Milton Wiener, chairman of the Illinois committee for headquarters. This successful event, described in the December issue of the *National Congress Bulletin*, was planned by Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall, state radio and television chairman.

REPORT OF PROGRESS

● At a meeting on July 12, 1951, the national headquarters committee appointed a subcommittee whose special responsibility would be the interviewing of architects and recommending the firm to which the final assignment of constructing our headquarters should be made.

On August 6-7, 1951, this subcommittee (composed of Mrs. J. W. Heylmun, chairman; Mrs. John E. Hayes; Mrs. James Fitts Hill; Mrs. L. W. Hughes; and Bruce E. Mahan) met with representatives of various nationally known architectural firms and viewed a number of buildings that had been erected by them in Chicago.

After considerable deliberation and study of the problem, the subcommittee recommended to the national headquarters committee that Holabird and Root and Burgee be selected as the firm to draw up our final plans and proceed with construction as soon as the necessary government approval for use of essential materials can be received. This recommendation was unanimously approved by the national headquarters committee.

PARTNERS IN PUBLICITY

● The *Iowa Parent-Teacher* for January 1952 is an excellent example of cooperation between the bulletin editor and the state headquarters chairman. A reproduction of the architect's drawing of the proposed new building decorates the cover.

Iowa's newest slogan: "Send Your \$hare for National Headquarters!" is repeated many times throughout the issue. Four pages are devoted to headquarters material, including (1) a letter from Iowa's co-chairmen for headquarters, (2) a letter from the national co-chairmen that appeared in a recent issue of *Headquarters News*, (3) a reprint from the latest question-and-answer sheet, (4) the entire skit *Together We Build*, introducing the popular headquarters ditty, "A Drop in the Bucket," (5) an attractively boxed announcement about *Stepping Stones*.

Congratulations to Iowa for its Headquarters issue of the *Iowa Parent-Teacher*, and many thanks for having originated the skit that so many states have found effective.

From Our Headquarters LETTER BOX

• Mrs. Hattie C. Christmann joined the P.T.A. for the first time at the age of seventy-five. While helping to wrap packages for the Illinois gold brick bazaar, she became so interested in our plans that she determined to join our ranks as a dues-paying P.T.A. member.

Welcome, Mrs. Christmann!

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• A small boy from West Allis, Wisconsin, recently wrote this heart-warming letter to our national president:

Dear Mrs. J. E. Hayes,

I found from my mother that you are building a new Headquarters. I would like very much to compliment you on what you are doing for us kids. My mom was president of the PTA at our school. I am going to give some money to my mom to give to you to help with your building of your new Headquarters. Could it be possible that I could have your autograph? I wish it could be arranged. Please give an answer back. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

CHARLES A. BOIE

Who says that Hollywood gets all the fan mail!

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• Among the letters of appreciation received from persons who have been honored by special gifts are many touching indications of devotion to our parent-teacher work. One, for example, from Mrs. E. M. Findley of Savannah, Missouri, reads as follows:

Thank you for your letter, which was a pleasant surprise. Indeed, I am grateful to learn that the Graham P.T.A., Graham, Missouri, has made a contribution in my honor to the National Congress to be used for a new headquarters building. The National was ever an aid and inspiration to us.

From the time of its organization about thirty years ago, I served in the Graham P.T.A., also on the state board for a time. I have always been especially proud of our achievements under adverse circumstances in Graham in the pioneer days and also of the fine work they are still doing under vastly improved conditions in the consolidated school system and in the community.

Nowadays I am in a wheelchair, from which I have been unable to rise for eighteen and one-half years. Meanwhile the P.T.A. has honored me in various ways, but I think this is one of the finest things they have ever done, or ever could do, in my behalf.

I am deeply touched and humbly appreciate having my name, together with that of the Graham P.T.A., entered in the Book of Honor, thanks to you.



Mrs. Lyle Johnson of the Classen P.T.A., Wichita, Kansas, is pinning a most unusual corsage on Georgia Overstreet, the unit's publicity chairman. The latest thing in headquarters corsages—variously contrived in the past of paper flowers, of coins and five-dollar bills, of gold and porcelain bricks, and even of tiny headquarters models—this surprisingly attractive decoration features a pair of two-inch nails, symbolizing the unit's determination to nail down the "Kansas Korner" in the headquarters building. With the sale of these corsages the Classen P.T.A. sent in its third contribution to the national headquarters fund.

WHOSE NAME MEANS MOST TO YOU?

Is there someone you would like to honor in a tangible form that may be recognized and appreciated for years to come?

Is it your mother or father? Your husband or wife? A teacher who meant much to you long ago? Or a teacher whose unusual understanding of your own children and their problems means much to you now?

Would your P.T.A. like to see the name of a parent-teacher worker, a school administrator, or some other public-spirited citizen permanently recorded in the Book of Honor that will be displayed at our new headquarters when the building is completed?

The *Special Gifts* project, which includes both *Honor* and *Memorial Gifts*, provides a fitting and convenient way for you to express your appreciation and at the same time make a contribution to our new national headquarters. An *Honor Gift* is given in the name of a living friend, and a *Memorial Gift* is for someone who has passed away.

Special blanks for sending in these two kinds of gifts may be secured from the state office or state headquarters chairman.

The amount of each of these gifts must be at least ten dollars, and the name and address of the person honored (or, in the case of *Memorial Gifts*, the name and address of a relative) must be provided so that appropriate letters of acknowledgment may be sent by the national headquarters committee. (The exact name and address of the donor should, of course, accompany all headquarters gifts.)

The high value of the *Special Gifts* project, as a number of states have discovered, lies in its personal appeal. Most P.T.A. members and nonmembers too will gladly contribute toward a gift honoring someone who is dear to them. When a P.T.A. or council has selected the most appropriate person for such an honor, as many people as possible should be given an opportunity to share in the tribute.

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Pennsylvania Congress, 1951 Summer Session

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Portage P.T.A.

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Georgia Started It! Georgia Keeps Its Promise!



● On January 17 Georgia again took the lead in average-per-member contributions to the headquarters fund as Knox Walker, our second vice-president, presented Mrs. John E. Hayes with that state's check for \$4,300 during the Executive Committee meeting in Chicago.

With this gift the Georgia Congress has exceeded its quota, and its total contributions now stand at more than \$25,000, an average of more than twenty-one cents a member—four cents higher than the figure shown on our January 15 map, page 4.



Maryland's wishing well at the state convention was an extension of the Iowa Congress' "Drop in the Bucket" theme. The wishing well was located just outside the auditorium where all meetings were held, and delegates were asked to drop in coins while making a wish for headquarters. The bucket was also used for the collection that followed a barbershop quartet's singing of Iowa's now famous song, "A Drop in the Bucket." In the picture Mrs. H. Ross Coppage, Maryland chairman for national headquarters, proudly exhibits the old oaken bucket.

Mrs. Charles D. Center, a former National Board member, is chairman of the Georgia Congress headquarters committee.

Georgia, you will remember, was the first state to make a contribution to the headquarters fund. During its convention in 1948 Mrs. L. W. Hughes, who was president of the National Congress at that time, expressed the hope that a campaign for a permanent headquarters might soon be inaugurated. At that very meeting an offering of \$165 was given in honor of Alice McLellan Birney, a native of the state, to initiate the headquarters fund.

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1951 Convention

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Virginia Beach
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Martinsville
Main Street P.T.A.,
Harrisonburg
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Lynchburg

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Districts 11 and 12
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Washington Congress,
1951 Convention

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Wyoming Congress,
1951 Convention

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Quota News

Two more states are to be congratulated for attaining their headquarters goals: South Dakota, with a quota of eleven cents a member, and Idaho, with a quota of ten cents a member. We are happy to see that these states are still sending us contributions.

Montana and New Jersey have also reached their goals. However, since both of these states feel their quotas were not high enough, they are making a very special effort to raise as much more as possible.

The January issue of the *New Jersey Bulletin* carries this stimulating message: "Even though we have reached our quota we are proud to report that more and more members feel the need for sharing in this worth-while project. Let us keep on climbing."

New Promotional Materials— Free!

Ask your state office or your headquarters chairman for free supplies of our newest headquarters materials.

These include the following:

1. A recently revised question-and-answer sheet, with a picture of two children gazing hopefully at our empty building lot.
2. Coin-carrier cards, with space for about one dollar in coins, planned especially for use as mailing inserts.
3. A headquarters skit prepared by the Iowa Congress. Entitled *Together We Build*, it ends with a collection song, "A Drop in the Bucket," to be sung to the tune of "The Old Oaken Bucket." The skit calls for only three actors and can easily be used by any parent-teacher group from a local unit to a convention committee. (Don't miss the picture showing what Maryland did with the "Drop in the Bucket" theme.)



WHAT OUR CONGRESS PARENT-TEACHER GROUPS ARE DOING...

50-or-more and 100-or-more Clubs

We are happy to add the following parent-teacher associations to the roster of the 1952 Hundred-or-More and Fifty-or-More Clubs since, due to mailing delays, the necessary information from these local units did not reach the National Office in time to include their names in the January *Bulletin*.

We extend our congratulations to every one of the seventy-three P.T.A.'s on this list and add a special word of praise for the nine that have secured at least one hundred subscriptions to *National Parent-Teacher* this year, thereby qualifying for the 1952 Hundred-or-More Club.

The final and complete list for the 1952 Hundred-or-More and Fifty-or-More Clubs will appear in the May issue. We hope we shall be able to include the name of your local unit. But first you must send us the following information:

1. The number of subscriptions (50 or more).
2. The date they were forwarded.
3. The name of your P.T.A.
4. Your city and state.
5. The name of your unit president.

• Your letter must be postmarked no later than March 31, 1952.

HUNDRED OR MORE

Washington	Bellingham, Wash.	170
Cherry Hill	River Edge, N. J.	136
Polk	Ogden, Utah	115
S. M. Inman	Atlanta, Ga.	109
Edgemont	Rocky Mount, N. C.	108
Parkside	Chicago, Ill.	106
Eureka	Eureka, Ill.	101
Austin	Spring Hill, Ala.	100
Madisonville	Cincinnati, Ohio	100

FIFTY OR MORE

Schaeffer	Lancaster, Pa.	88
Lincoln	Mt. Lebanon-Pittsburgh, Pa.	88
Kirkwood	Atlanta, Ga.	82
Brackett	Arlington, Mass.	78
Miami Shores	Miami Shores, Fla.	76
Kerrtown	Meadville, Pa.	74
Bret Harte	Chicago, Ill.	72
Rossman	Cheyenne, Wyo.	71
Weston	Elkhart, Ind.	69

Julia Ward Howe	Pittsburgh, Pa.	69
Roosevelt	River Edge, N. J.	66
Bond Hill	Cincinnati, Ohio	66
South Beach Elem.	Miami Beach, Fla.	65
Dake	Rochester, N. Y.	65
Fred A. Olds	Raleigh, N. C.	64
Coleman Place	Norfolk, Va.	63
Adair	Atlanta, Ga.	61
Nebraska	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	61

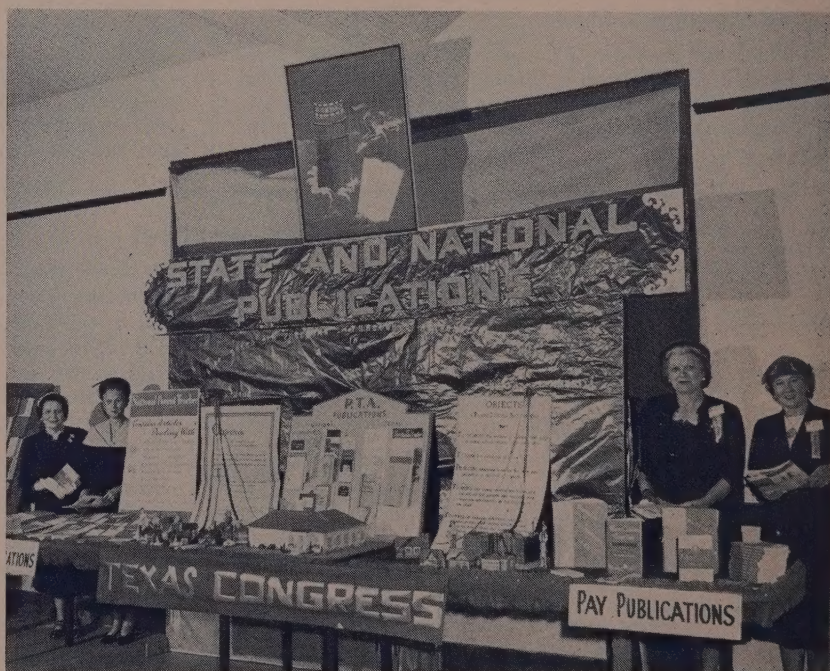
Kinder	Kinder, La.	61
Burroughs	Tulsa, Okla.	61
Sawyer Avenue	Chicago, Ill.	59
Franklin	Tulsa, Okla.	56
Ruppert	Pottstown, Pa.	56
Catlin	Catlin, Ill.	55
Roosevelt	Ponca City, Okla.	54
Whittier	Mitchell, S. D.	54
Green Park	Walla Walla, Wash.	54

Jefferson	Little Rock, Ark.	53
Franklin	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	53
Enterprise	Wichita, Kans.	53
Rockford Street	Mt. Airy, N. C.	53
Merrill	Beloit, Wis.	53
Townsend	Milwaukee, Wis.	53
East Tallassee	East Tallassee, Ala.	52
Chilton	Montgomery, Ala.	52
Sylvania Heights	Miami, Fla.	52

Anne E. West	Atlanta, Ga.	52
Norman Bridge	Chicago, Ill.	52
Hanawalt	Des Moines, Iowa	52
Sparta	Sparta, Mich.	52
Woodstock	Portland, Ore.	52
Joyce Kilmer	Chicago, Ill.	51
William Penn	Chicago, Ill.	51
Georgia Tucker	Monroe, La.	51
South Mountain	Milburn, N. J.	51

Baker	Altoona, Pa.	51
Colfax	Pittsburgh, Pa.	51
Dinwiddie	Dinwiddie, Va.	51
Woodlawn Elem.	Birmingham, Ala.	50
R. L. Stevenson	Phoenix, Ariz.	50
Coral Gables Elem.	Coral Gables, Fla.	50
Highland	Atlanta, Ga.	50
Rock Springs	Atlanta, Ga.	50
Camilla	Camilla, Ga.	50

Chamblee Elem.	Chamblee, Ga.	50
Farragut	Joliet, Ill.	50
McKinley	Charles City, Iowa	50
Emerson	Waterloo, Iowa	50
Garfield	Wyandotte, Mich.	50
Hightstown	Hightstown, N. J.	50
Florence Avenue	Irrington, N. J.	50
Nichols Hills	Oklahoma City, Okla.	50
Lower Yoder	Johnstown, Pa.	50
F. H. Coe	Seattle, Wash.	50



Featured at the Texas convention, this effective exhibit emphasized the theme "Safeguarding Our Freedoms Through Responsible Leadership in Home, School, Church, and Community." Pictured left to right are Mrs. J. K. Bradley, chairman of publications and exhibits; Mrs. Crews Henry, magazine chairman; and Mrs. Eugene Williams and Mrs. W. A. Lee, who assisted with the displays.

STREAMLINERS

● To promote a wider acquaintance with the many services available to the community, a family life fair was held recently by the Greensboro P.T.A. Council of North Carolina and the local Council of Social Agencies. The P.T.A. chairman of parent education and family life served as co-chairmen of the planning committee on which many social service organizations were represented.

Groups throughout the county set up exhibit booths at the high school gymnasium showing the various types of family aid and counsel that are available. With the help of the school's visual education classes, films on family life were shown continuously during the two days of the fair. The thousand visitors who registered were proof of the interest that the fair aroused and of the fine cooperation received by the committee in publicizing the event.

● Members of the Lake Forest P.T.A. of Illinois have solved the problem of what to do with unneeded items that are too good to be thrown away. Several times a year this local unit rounds up skates, Scout uniforms, sports equipment, and other still serviceable items that clutter the house, and a P.T.A. exchange sale is held.

Everyone profits at the "P.T.X." The contributor receives 80 per cent of the proceeds and the remainder is added to the P.T.A. treasury. Buyers are also happy to obtain sturdy goods at a reasonable price.

Another popular community project sponsored by the group is the Children's Theater, now in its fourth season. During the year several dramas for children are presented by professional players. Although production costs have risen, there has been no increase in ticket prices. The P.T.A. has preferred to make this excellent entertainment available to as many children as possible rather than to make a larger profit.

● Tomatoes, peppers, okra, beans, and peas grown by P.T.A. members at the school garden were used in the school lunch project at Prospect, Tennessee. All the vegetables that were not served fresh were dried or preserved in the school's frozen food locker. Members who failed to appear at the local unit's bean-shelling bee were given a quota of one bushel to shell as a spare-time project. The only expenses were the rent for the garden and the cost of the seeds.

Some members also raised livestock for the program, and the meat was frozen for later use in school lunches.

● From Germany comes the report of the organization of two new Congress units. They are Bad Nauheim P.T.A. of the Bad Nauheim Military Sub Post

LET'S MAKE IT

7,000,000 MEMBERS
by **APRIL, 1952**

Will Your Members Be Counted?

● Membership in the parent-teacher organization is a privilege. Each member has added his voice to the millions that speak on behalf of all children. Have you, a local membership chairman, done your part to see that all your members have the right to be part of that united voice? Have you made sure that the state and national per capita dues of *all* your members have been sent to your state office by your local treasurer?

This is the time for you and your committee to do that follow-up work that counts so much towards a successful year. Have you:

- Made personal calls on new families in your community?
- Alerted your telephone committee to contact those who have not yet joined?
- Checked last year's membership list to see how it compares with your present numbers?
- Presented the importance of membership and given progress reports at local unit meetings?
- Told the P.T.A. story (with the help of your publicity chairman) through radio, television, and newspapers?
- Your state and national chairmen are depending on YOU to bring into membership that seven millionth member and then to make certain he is counted.

MRS. G. W. LUHR

National Chairman, Committee on Membership

with 106 charter members and the Landshut American School P.T.A. with 43 charter members.

● If you're curious about what famous artists like to do when they're not busy at their professions, you'll be interested in the following excerpt from the program used on a recent concert tour by one of America's outstanding operatic sopranos, Margaret Harshaw.

Miss Harshaw lives very simply in Englewood, New Jersey, . . . with her husband, an electrical engineer, and their two children. When she is asked to fill out a questionnaire about her occupation [she] has been known to write calmly, "Occupation: housewife; Interests: singing, people, and the parent-teacher association."

● Sixth graders at the Garfield School, Madison, South Dakota, are carrying on a safety crusade to help reduce the traffic accident toll. The students print short safety slogans in ink on brightly colored strips of adhesive-backed cardboard for attachment to automobile bumpers.

National Convention

Program Features

1. **Addresses by prominent speakers**
2. **Workshops**
On school education, parent and family life education, legislation, civil defense, narcotics education, safety, councils, and program planning
3. **Panel discussions**
To consider mass media, international affairs, and problems of youth (as described by young people themselves)
4. **Special events**
*Two film festivals
Two American Theatre Wing plays
A carnival of books
A meet-the-authors hour*
5. **National Parent-Teacher Magazine breakfast**
6. **Annual banquet**

● No P.T.A. leader will want to miss these important events. So plan now to be with us on May 19-21.

Stepping Ahead with STEPPING STONES

• We are pleased to announce that the largest honor gift to the national headquarters has now grown to \$2,780.25, representing the headquarters portion of the proceeds from the sale of 11,121 copies of Mrs. Hayes' booklet of poems, *Stepping Stones*.

Among the forty-six state congresses that have participated in this project, California is in first place, having sold a total of 2,089 copies. In second place is Ohio with 1,038, and Kansas, with 908, is in third.

Other states that have had an important part in swelling this honor gift include Indiana, with 626; Georgia, with 496; Texas, with 490; Colorado, with 456; Washington, with 406; Maryland, with 401; and Pennsylvania, with 323.

The following list shows the number of copies of *Stepping Stones* sold by the various states from May 16, 1951, through February 15, 1952 (not including copies sent on consignment):

State	Total
Alabama	300
Arizona	50
Arkansas	104
California	2,089
Colorado	456
Connecticut	102
D. C.	1
Florida	79
Georgia	496
Idaho	218
Illinois	160
Indiana	626
Iowa	161
Kansas	908
Kentucky	14
Louisiana	1
Maryland	401
Massachusetts	109
Michigan	65
Minnesota	280
Mississippi	51
Missouri	74
Montana	32
Nebraska	254
Nevada	100
New Hampshire	42
New Jersey	20
New York	158
North Carolina	7
North Dakota	111
Ohio	1,038
Oklahoma	15
Oregon	104
Pennsylvania	323
Rhode Island	40
South Carolina	1
South Dakota	100
Tennessee	302
Texas	490
Utah	27
Vermont	110
Virginia	162
Washington	406
West Virginia	27
Wisconsin	82
Wyoming	56
Miscellaneous	369
Total	11,121

Magazine News

• **Parent education study programs.** The *National Parent-Teacher* will continue to offer three study programs during the coming year. These will be known as the

National Parent-Teacher Study Programs for 1952-53.

New study group techniques will be employed to develop them.

• All leaders of P.T.A. study discussion groups will be greatly interested to learn that one of America's foremost child development specialists, Dr. Ruth Strang, of Teachers College, Columbia University, will direct the basic course on child development.

Please give this important announcement the widest possible publicity through the local press, bulletins, broadcasts, and all other available channels.

• Coming in the March Issue:

If You Want Your Child To Love You
A Sound Design for Sex Education
So They've a Mind for Marriage
Houseteam for Hobbies
For the Spirit's Hunger
Savoring the Mystery
Education and National Security
What To Do About the Drug Menace

If your association has made its full contribution to the national headquarters fund, if it has taken care of its current financial obligations, and if it still has more money in its treasury than it can use this year, why not suggest that it purchase a club of ten or twenty subscriptions to the *National Parent-Teacher Magazine*. It can sell the copies to the members on a single-copy price basis, or it can circulate the copies among the membership as a free parent education service. The articles in the *National Parent-Teacher* contain information that will strengthen parent-teacher work and help all P.T.A.'s to promote the Objects for which the association is organized.

• Who heads the subscription list now?

On January 31, 1952, the following ten states were credited with having sent in the most subscriptions:

Illinois	17,089
Pennsylvania	10,767
Ohio	10,658
California	9,051
New Jersey	8,440
Missouri	8,067
Georgia	7,786
North Carolina	7,632
Indiana	7,378
Texas	7,376

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• **Library subscription campaign.** We have received many letters in response to the request in the February issue of the *Bulletin*. Local presidents are letting us know that they have asked the reading and library service chairmen to call on local librarians and discuss with them the reference value of the *National Parent-Teacher*, at the same time telling them all about the splendid support our organization is giving the library services throughout the entire country. Where libraries are actually unable to afford a subscription, local associations are donating one to them as a public service. Does your library have a subscription?